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1. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN SOURCES IN GENEVA, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT REPAT NOT WITHDRAWN FROM THE QUADRIpartite GATT FLOOR PRICE AGREEMENT FOR NFDM BUT ONLY FROM THE CARTEL AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO WHICH THESE COUNTRIES HAD AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES NOT TO SELL NFDM FOR HUMAN USE BELOW DOLLARS 520 PER METRIC TON. THE AGREED MINIMUM PRICE UNDER THE GATT AGRRRRANGEMENT OF NFDM IS DOLLARS 350/MT.

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2. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE REPORTED FRENCH

SALE OF NFDM, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE ANNOUNCED CANADIAN SALE OF 45,785/MTN TO SPAIN (REF B) WAS IN REALITY ONLY TO A MINOR EXTENT, DESTINED FOR SPAIN. PART OF THIS SALE WAS TO GO TO CUBA AND A MAJOR PART (ABOUT 20,000 MT) WAS TO BE SOLD THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF A BELGIAN FIRM TO THE USSR.

3. NEW ZEALAND AND THE EEC HAVE AT PRESENT NOT WITHDRAWN FROM THE CARTEL ARRANGEMENT.

4. NEW ZEALAND AND SOURCES QUERIED US ON THE ALLEGED SALE OF 10,000/MTN OF US NFDM TO MEXICO AT SUBSIDIZED PRICES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THIS POINT ASAP. DALE

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